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SUBJECT: QATTARA DEPRESSION PROJECT -- NUCLEAR ASPECTS

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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY PASSED US VIEWS CONTAINED PARA 4, REF A, TO AMBASSADOR ROTH AND TO DR. ROUGET, CHIEF ATOMIC ENERGY AFFAIRS SECTION, FRG FOREIGN OFFICE. WE ASKED THAT ROTH TAKE WHATEVER ACTION POSSIBLE TO PREVENT UNCOORDINATED COMMENTS FROM GERMAN SOURCES WHICH COULD BE MISINTERPRETED BY EGYPTIANS TO IMPLY GREATER USG INVOLVEMENT IN QATTARA PROJECT STUDIES THAN WAS ACTUALLY THE CASE. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTION FROM ROTH, WE ASSURED HIM THAT BOTH LLL AND USG REPRESENTATIVES WOULD EMPLOY SIMILAR CAUTION. ROTH PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE, TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AND TO CONTACT EMBASSY ASAP. END SUMMARY.

2. ROTH EMPHASIZED THAT GERMANS ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN QATTARA PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY WERE PRIVATE CITIZENS FUNDED BY KFW. HOWEVER, HE PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE SITUATION, USE FRG INFLUENCE AND TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE CONTACTS IN KFW FOR EMBASSY FOLLOW-UP, IF NECESSARY.

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3. ROTH THEN RECALLED EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFFS (SEE REF B) IN WHICH HE HAD MADE CLEAR HIS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE USE OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES IN THE QATTARA DEPRESSION PROJECT. HE HAD SOUGHT IN THESE AND OTHER DISCUSSIONS -- BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS -- ANY DATA FROM USG WHICH HE COULD USE TO RESTRAIN THOSE GERMANS WHO WERE OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE USE OF PNE'S IN THE QATTARA DEPRESSION. HE EMPHASIZED HIS VIEW THAT KFW WAS, IN FACT, ENCOURAGED TO STUDY POSSIBLE USE OF PNE'S AS A RESULT OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH USG REPRESENTATIVES DURING AUGUST 20-21, 1974 MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

4. EMBOFFS REVIEWED MEMCON FROM THIS MEETING WITH ROTH AND EXPLAINED THAT THIS DOCUMENT MADE IT CLEAR THAT ONLY VERY LIMITED INVOLVEMENT OF LLL HAD BEEN FORESEEN AT THAT TIME.

5. ROTH .NOTED THAT USSR IS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH BILATERAL BASIS FOR USE OF PNE'S, RATHER THAN MULTI-LATERAL MECHANISM WHICH FRG FAVORS. HE WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED US-FRG CONSULTATIONS ABOUT GENERAL PNE QUESTION, IN VIENNA AND BONN.
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